

Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for the early indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-18, 21, 22, and 25-30 and for the early indication claims 19, 20, 23, and 24 are allowed over the cited references.

The specification was amended to include known characteristic components of trade name materials.

Claims 31-40 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute similar or broader claims in a continuation application. Claims 1, 4, 10, 13, 21, 25, and 28 are sought to be amended. Upon entering this amendment, claims 1-30 are pending in the present application, with claims 1, 10, 19, and 25 being the independent claims. No new matter has been introduced by any amendments.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 4-7, 13-18, 21, 22, 25, 28, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for containing a trade name. Based on the amendments above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 10, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Based on the amendments above, which comply with the Examiner's suggestions, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw these rejections.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 31-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,921,257 to Olaru ("Olaru"). Applicant assumes this rejection was meant to be based on 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on the issue and filing date of Olaru. Applicant traverses this rejection.

Although Applicant disagrees with the rejection, Applicant has cancelled these claims in order to expedite prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to prosecution similar or broader claims in a continuation application. Applicant believes the rejection of these claims has been rendered moot.

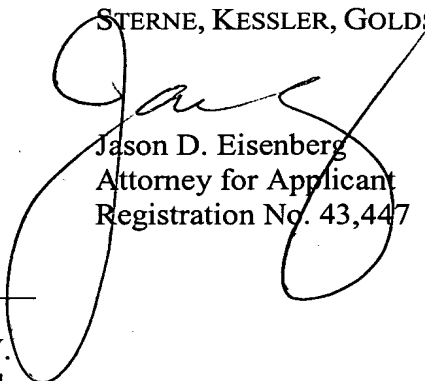
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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